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30 August 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT : Additional Weapon for [REDACTED]

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25X1A REFERENCE : A. [REDACTED] dated 4 January 1967
B. [REDACTED] dated 5 January 1967
C. [REDACTED] dated 9 January 1967
D. [REDACTED] dated 9 January 1967
E. [REDACTED] dated 10 January 1967

F. Memo for C/MD/OSA from INTEL/O/OSA
(OSA-0105/67) dated 10 January 1967

G. Memo for Life Support Section, [REDACTED]
from ASD/R&D/OSA (IDEA-0332/67) dated
27 April 1967

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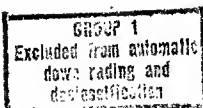
H. Memo for D/O/OSA from ASD/R&D/OSA
(IDEA-0405/67 dated 31 May 1967

I. Memo for D/O/OSA from ASD/R&D/OSA
(IDEA-0533/67) dated 29 August 1967

1. On 4 January 1967 [REDACTED] Detachment
Commander, requested a small caliber pistol be provided
for self defense use by the [REDACTED] A .32 caliber revolver
was specifically suggested (Ref. A).

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25X1 2. Following an exchange of cables (Refs. B and C) to define the specific requirements, Intelligence Division contacted the ordnance engineers in the Technical Support Division, DDP and obtained their recommendations as to a suitable weapon. The specific requirement was for a small compact handgun suitable for use in self defense by an individual [] without extensive weapons training. It was additionally stipulated that the weapon must be lightweight, easy to operate, reliable, and rugged.

25X1A 3. On 9 January TSD's recommendation, the German Walther PP 7.65 mm (.32 caliber) automatic was submitted [] (Ref. D) and accepted the following day (Ref. E).

4. A requisition for these weapons was submitted to Materiel Division on 10 January (Ref F). Intelligence Division completed its portion of the requirement in six days.

25X1A 5. On 30 January Materiel Division received the weapons. Shortly thereafter, one pistol was delivered to [] ASD/R&D/OSA, for holster design and selection of the best location and means of securing same on harness or outer garment.

25X1A 6. Three months later (27 April 1967) [] requested the Life Support Section, [] headed by [] to fabricate suitable holsters and "select locations where a holster could be attached allowing immediate access without affecting comfort, mobility, pressure suit or parachute functions and without interfering with cockpit controls" (Ref. G). One pistol was shipped to [] for use in completing these tasks.

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7. Ref. H, memo from [] to the Deputy for Operations dated 31 May, claimed [] detachment really desired a .25 caliber Colt automatic pistol.

[] has a personal weapon of this type). According to the memo [] Life Support recommended the adoption of this weapon vice the Walther 7.65 and that it be attached to the flying boot. It was stated "the weapon selected is too large to be safely and comfortably located on the pilot's boot, coverall or pressure suit." [] concurred.

8. Three months later, on 29 August 1967, the final report from [] Life Support (Ref. I) was submitted along with [] concurrence recommending a weapon the size of a .25 caliber Colt or Browning automatic be utilized and that it be attached to the flying boot. The Walther 7.65 mm automatic was dismissed as too large and heavy for placement on the boot or elsewhere.

9. TSD regards the Colt and Browning .25 caliber automatics as unsuitable weapons. The ammunition lacks both penetrating and shock ability. The weapons, designed to be carried in a lady's handbag, are inaccurate, tend to misfire, and are easily damaged.

10. It is recommended that the methods used by combat pilots in Southeast Asia to carry their bulky service .38 caliber revolvers and a variety of personal weapons be determined and adopted for use by the [] in carrying the Walther 7.65, a much smaller weapon, or that the pistols which we have had on hand for six months

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25X1A be shipped to [] and that we rely on []
to provide suitable means for carrying them. 25X1A

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Acting Chief, Intelligence Division
Office of Special Activities

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#3 - RB (w/o att)

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1. REQUEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING A SMALL CALIBER WEAPON, POSSIBLE A LIGHT WEIGHT 32 CAL SNUB NOSE REVOLVER, FOR USE OF [] ON OPERATIONAL MISSIONS. THE [] REQUESTED THIS FROM [] WHO IN TURN DISCUSSED USE WITH [] ALL AGREED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE AND DESIRE SAME IF PROVISION CAN BE MADE FOR WEAPON TO BE CARRIED ON THE PERSON.

2. THE .22 CAL WEAPON PRESENTLY IN THE SEAT PACK WOULD REMAIN A PART OF THE SEAT PACK GEAR EVEN WITH ISSUE OF A LIGHT WEIGHT REVOLVER, SUGGEST CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO ATTACHING THE NEW WEAPON TO PILOT'S SUIT IN THE LOWER OR MIDDLE LEG AREA.

3. SINCE THIS IS AN ITEM OF CURRENT [] INTEREST ADVISE AS TO HQS POSITION AND PROGRESSES OF PROCUREMENT ATTACHMENT TO PILOT'S SUIT IN FUTURE.

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REF: [REDACTED]

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1. IF [REDACTED] STRONGLY ADVOCATES ADDITIONAL WEAPON HQS WILL PROCEED WITH PROCUREMENT. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT IF SITUATION WAS SUCH THAT PILOT REQUIRED WEAPON BEFORE HE COULD OPEN HIS KIT, HIS CHANCES FOR ESCAPE WOULD BE MINIMAL. ADDITIONALLY, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY HAND GUN, ESPECIALLY SHORT BARRELED, IS EXTREMELY LIMITED. CHOICE OF WEAPONS SHOULD BE MADE IN SAME MANNER AS CHOICE OF ANY OTHER TOOL. CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO SKILLS AND CAPABILITIES OF USER AND TO INTENDED USE. HQS HAS AVAILABLE WIDE VARIETY OF LIGHTWEIGHT ARMS, RANGING FROM FLASHLIGHT SIZED MACHINE GUNS TO SINGLE SHOT "STINGERS" OF ALL CALIBERS AND GAUGES. REQUEST DETAILS ON INTENDED USE OF WEAPON TO ENABLE HQS TO EVALUATE

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NEED AND DETERMINE BEST ANSWER. IS IT YOUR FEELING THAT UNSTATED PURPOSE MAY BE SELF DESTRUCTION? THIS COULD INFLUENCE CHOICE.

2. HOWEVER, ONCE SPECIFIC WEAPON IS SELECTED POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR CARRYING THE ITEM ON THE PILOT'S SUIT CAN BE EVALUATED WITH RESPECT TO RETENTION DURING CRUISE OPENING, IMPAIRMENT OF COCKPIT MOBILITY, AND POTENTIAL HAZARDS WITH RESPECT TO SNAGGING.

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25X1A REF A:

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1. AFTER RECEIPT OF REF B, DISCUSSIONS WITH [] LEAD

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ME TO BELIEVE WEAPON REQUESTED IS TO FIT THREE PURPOSES:

- A. SELF DEFENSE PRIOR TO GETTING TO SEAT PACK.
- B. PSYCHOLOGICAL BOOSTER.
- C. SELF DESTRUCTION IN EVENT OF IMMINENT CAPTURE.

2. I KNOW THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH [] AND HAS HIS APPROVAL. HE USUALLY IS FOR ANYTHING "HIS BOYS WANT". FOR THIS REASON I SUGGEST A SUITABLE WEAPON TO FILL ABOVE REQUIREMENTS, BE CHOSEN BY HQS AND PROVISION MADE FOR ATTACHMENT TO FLYING SUIT.

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25X1A 3. AFTER RECEIPT OF WEAPON ALL [] WILL RECEIVE APPROPRIATE TRAINING IN CARE, USE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF WEAPON.

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WEAPON INDICATED WILL BE VERY APPROPRIATE. FOUR PISTOLS
WILL BE SUFFICIENT.

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OSA-0105/67

10 January 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Materiel Division, OSA

SUBJECT : Requisition

1. It is requested that four each Pistol, 7.65mm, automatic, German, Walther PP, Stock No. 1005-H00-0579, be procured for use by the [redacted] as requested by the [redacted] Detachment Commander.

2. These weapons should be delivered to the Intel Division, OSA, for mating with suitable holsters. Holsters will be custom made by TSD/DDP under the direction of [redacted] Aircraft Systems Division, OSA.

Chief, Intelligence Division
Office of Special Activities

INTEL/O/OSA [redacted] nlm (10 Jan 67)

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- Orig - D/M/OSA
- 1 - D/O/OSA
- 1 - IDEA/O/OSA
- 1 - R&D/OSA
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- 1 - RB/OSA

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27 April 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR : Life Support Section, []

SUBJECT : Evaluation of Location of Auxiliary
Survival Weapon for []

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1. Headquarters has approved the carrying of an additional survival weapon by [] on operational missions. INTEL/O/OSA has selected the weapon and will supply them to []. However, a suitable location for carrying the weapon, other than in the seat kit, has not been finalized. It is therefore requested that [] Life Support section serve as evaluators and advisors on this matter.

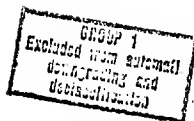
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2. One of the weapons to be used is being forwarded separately. It is suggested that the evaluation include the following:

a. From your knowledge and experience, select locations on the pilot where a holster could be attached allowing immediate access without affecting comfort, mobility, pressure suit or parachute function and without interfering with cockpit controls.

b. Have suitable holsters fabricated for the weapon for attachment to the coverall, pressure suit, or flying boot as appropriate to the locations you select as being most feasible. It may be appropriate to try various materials (leather, cloth, etc.) for fabrication of the holster and various means of attachment, as well as various locations.

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c. Evaluate the items in the cockpit with respect to clearances, interference and comfort. Once the optimum location is identified, the item may be evaluated in flight.

3. Upon completion of this evaluation, it is requested that you furnish Headquarters Life Support with your conclusions and recommendations, plans and specifications for fabrication and location, a sample of the final item if appropriate, and detailed photographs as applicable.

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[Redacted Signature]

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31 May 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Operations
Office of Special Activities

SUBJECT : Additional Survival Weapon for []

REFERENCES : A. Memo for D/O/OSA, IDEA-0297-67,
dated 18 April 67

B. Memo for Life Support Section,
[] IDEA-0332-67, dated
27 April 67

1. The [] Life Support section was visited by the undersigned on 22 May 1967 and the subject of the [] additional survival weapon was discussed. Reference A indicated that [] felt the most ideal location for such a weapon was on the flying boot. This information was based on utilizing a much smaller weapon than that selected by INTEL/O/OSA. Reference B requested that [] life support evaluate locations for such a weapon. The following represents their evaluation and recommendations, with which the undersigned concurs.

2. The weapon selected is too large to be safely and comfortably located on the pilot's boot, coverall or pressure suit. [] stated that the [] pilots had a much smaller weapon in mind when their original request was made to headquarters. This information was obtained while [] was TDY at [] last fall. The weapon desired is a Colt 25 caliber automatic which is approximately one-half the size of the Walther automatic proposed. The Colt or a similar sized automatic can easily be located in a pocket sewn to the flying boot and will not interfere with mobility or controls. [] life support will, as time permits, produce a holster and recommend a location for both the Colt and the Walther automatics. However, their recommendation will be to select the smaller weapon.

3. If a Colt 25 caliber or similarly sized weapon can be provided, it is recommended that [] develop the

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prototype holster to accompany the weapon and both be forwarded to [] for their evaluation. If [] evaluation is favorable, holsters can be locally fabricated and headquarters can provide the appropriate number of weapons.

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ASD/R&D/OSA [] sjs (31 May 67)

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- 2 - D/R&D/OSA
- 3 - D/SA
- 4 - D/O/OSA
- 5 - IDEA/O/OSA
- 6 - INTEL/O/OSA
- 7 - ASD/R&D/OSA (Chrono)
- 8 - RB/OSA

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy for Operations, OSA

SUBJECT: Additional Survival Weapon for [REDACTED]

REFERENCE: A. Memo for D/O/OSA, IDEA-0405-67, dtd
31 May 67

B. Memo for Life Support Section, [REDACTED]
IDEA-0332-67, dtd 27 April 1967

1. In response to Reference B, [REDACTED] Life Support Section has forwarded their recommendations regarding location of the additional survival weapon. Their report and photographs are attached (ATTACHMENT #1).

2. ASD/R&D/OSA concurs with the findings and recommendations of [REDACTED]. Further recommend approval by Intel/O/OSA for incorporation of this holster and action to provide [REDACTED] with appropriate weapons and instructions.

SIGNED

[REDACTED]
ASD/R&D/OSA

ASD/R&D/OSA [REDACTED] :bjg (29 Aug 67)
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- #3 - D/R&D/OSA (w/o att)
- #4 - INTEL/O/OSA (w/att)
- #5 - IDEA/O/OSA (w/o att)
- #6 - ASD Chrono (w/o att)
- #7 - RB/OSA (w/o att)

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FROM

Chief of Base, []

SUBJECT

General: ASD/R&D (Attn: [])

Specific: Location of Auxiliary Survival Weapon for []

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

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1. [] Life Support recommends that the auxiliary survival weapon for [] be positioned on the inside of the right boot. Placed in this position, the weapon does not interfere with the operation of the aircraft, ejection position, or comfort of the driver.

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2. A weapon the size of a .25 caliber Colt or Browning automatic is recommended rather than the Walther PP or Walther PPK. The Walther is too large and heavy for placement on the boot. According to information received from [] the weight of the Walther precludes placing it in the outer coverall because a pocket bearing this weight would probably tear off on ejection or parachute opening. Placement of the weapon on the pressure suit itself would not be compatible with pressure suit inflation.

3. Attached pictures will show recommended holster position. This modification of the boot has been test flown by [] drivers who report that it is no problem located in this position; in fact it is not even noticeable.

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4. The holster was fabricated by [] Life Support and "lift-a-dot" fasteners were used to secure the flap. Riveting rather than sewing the holster to the boot was chosen to eliminate creating a pressure point on the ankle bone.

5. Holsters can be fabricated in the local area where required.

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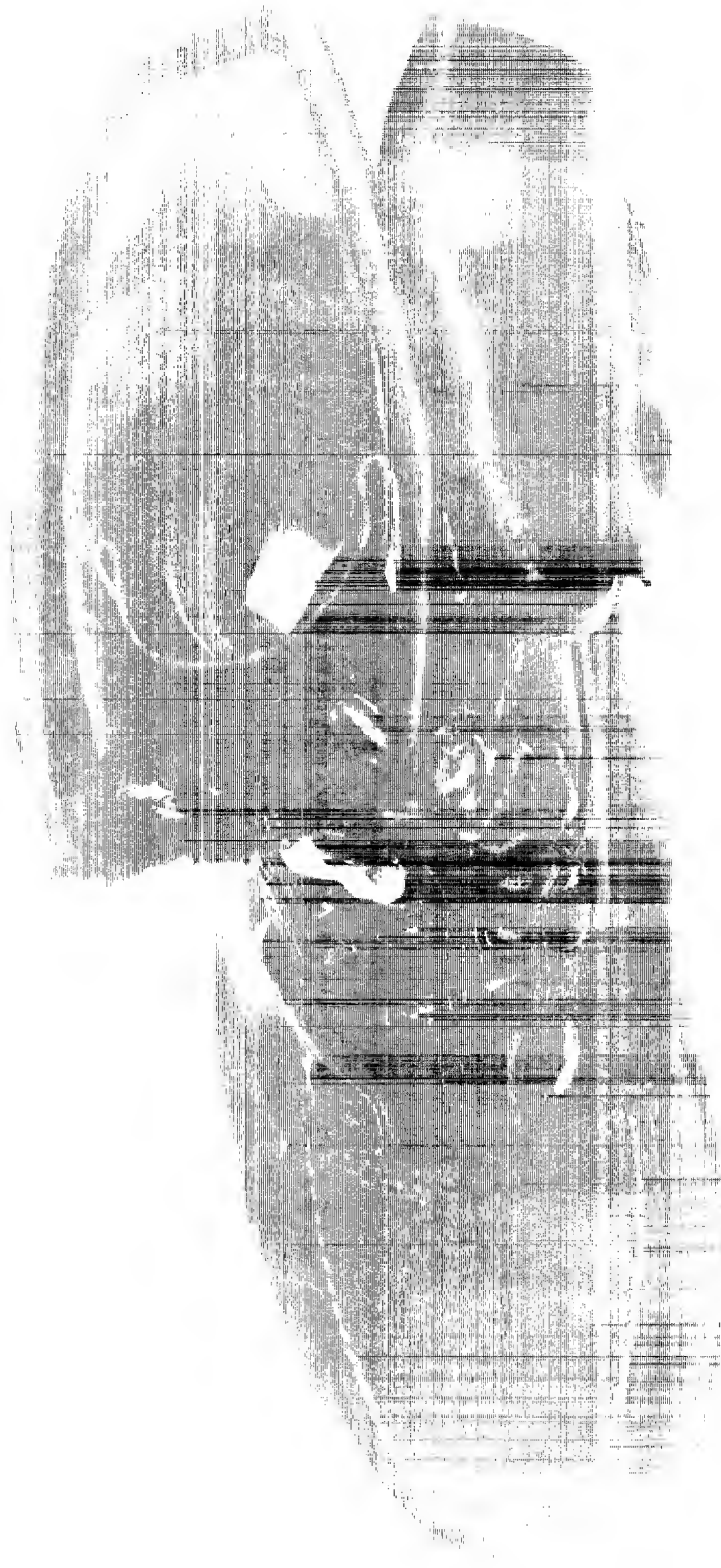
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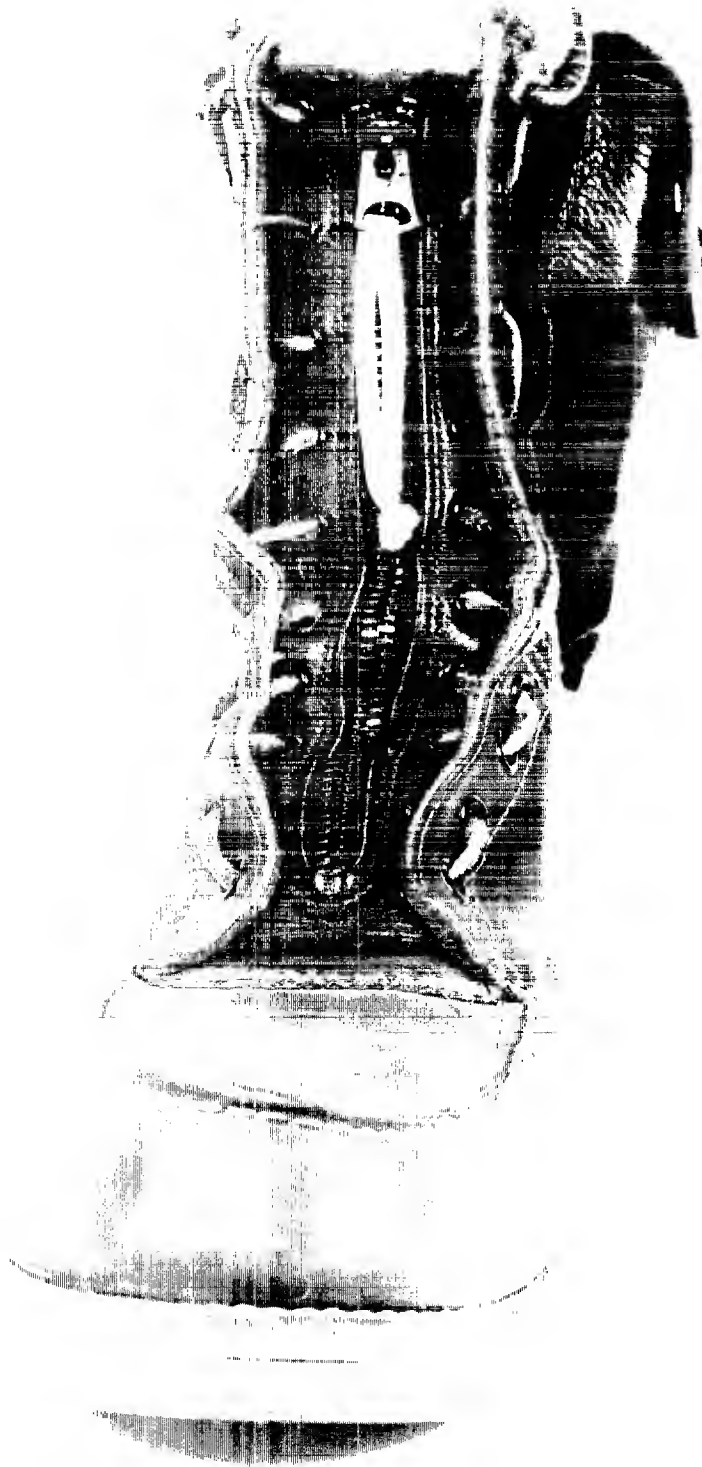
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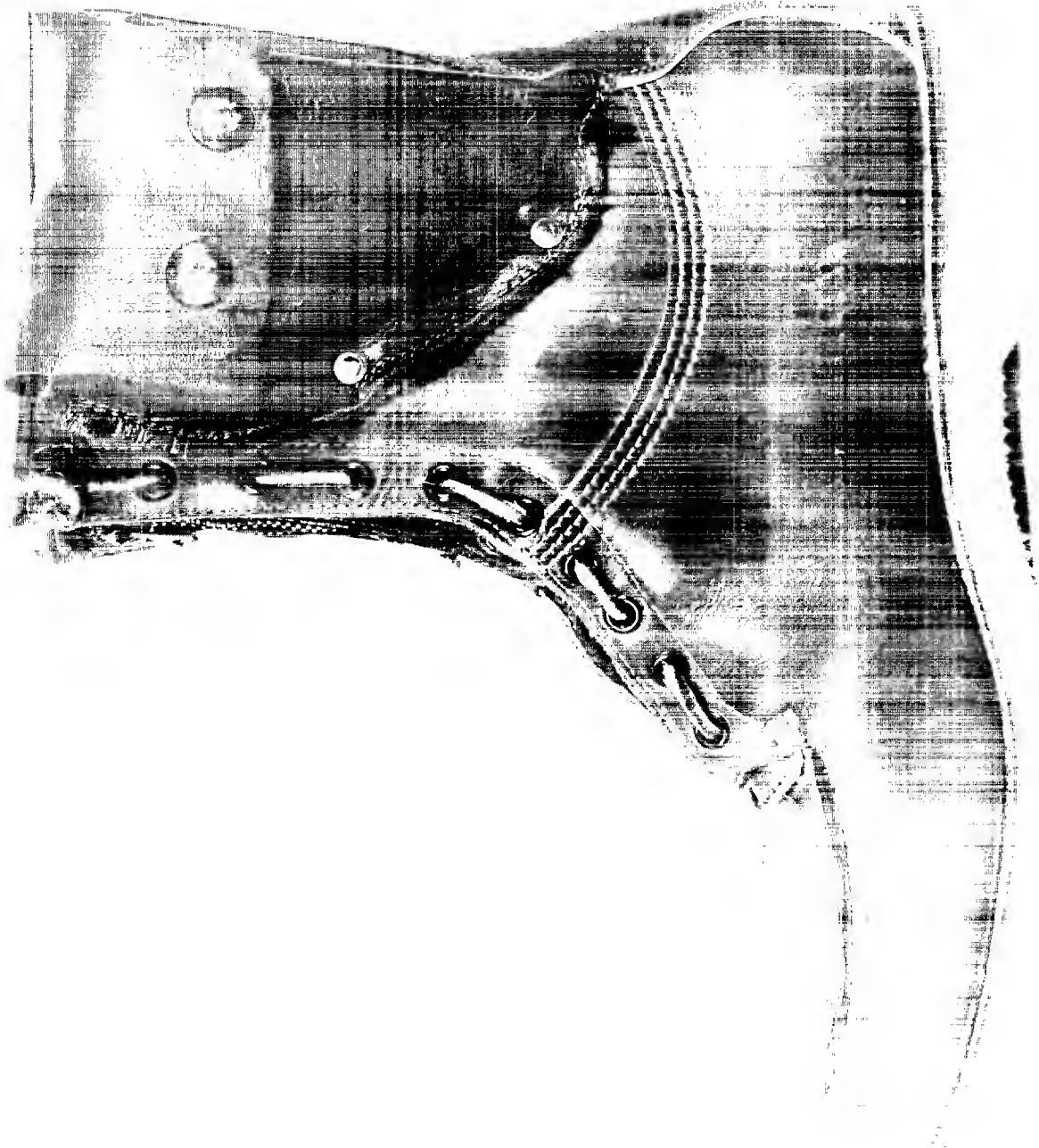
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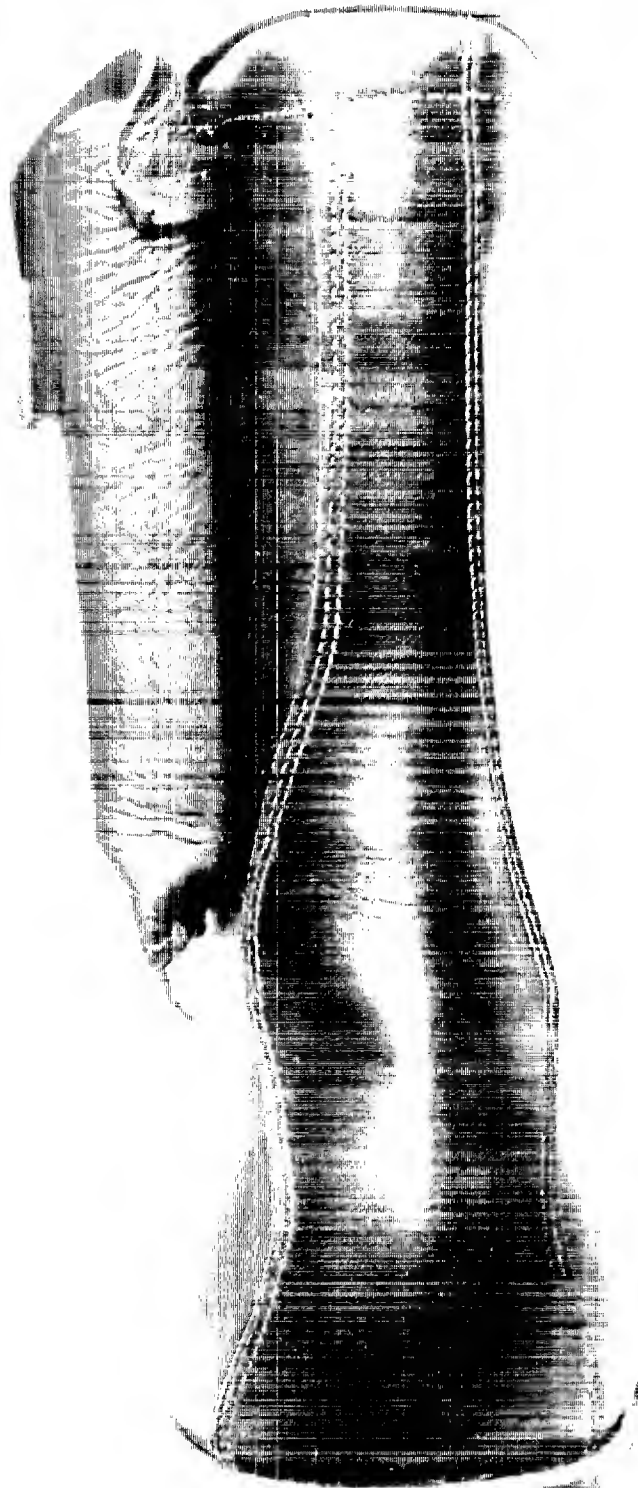


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